



Grass Lawn Neighborhood Workshop December 4, 2003

Citizen Advisory Committee's
Preliminary Recommendations

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Purpose of the Workshop

- ★ Inform you, the neighborhood about the Committee's preliminary recommendations.
- ★ Seek your comments on the recommendations.
- ★ Discuss your comments: **solution oriented**
 - ★ If oppose a recommendation – why?
 - ★ What if anything could make the recommendation acceptable?
 - ★ What are alternative recommendations?

Next Steps

- ☀ Committee will consider comments from the meeting in preparing their final recommendations to the Planning Commission and City Council

Grass Lawn Neighborhood Plan Update

- ✶ Citizens Advisory Committee appointed by City Council/Mayor April 2003
 - Mission – update Grass Lawn Neighborhood Plan
 - Preliminary Recommendations
 - Housing and Neighborhood Character
 - Parks, Recreation, and Open Space
 - Neighborhood Commercial Businesses
 - Neighborhood ID Signs
 - Transportation Priorities
 - Neighborhood Association
 - 7 members-neighborhood residents
 - Met twice a month, study neighborhood issues, make recommendations to Planning Commission/City Council

Parks

- ★ Grass Lawn Park value sense of community

- Convenient access
- Safety
- More community focus-gathering places

- ★ Improve sidewalks, streetlights, and new pathways

- ★ Design for safety measures in Phases III and IV

- ★ Benches, checkerboard tables, family picnic areas

Parks

★ Gathering places Grass Lawn Park continued...

- ★ Shallow fountain for children
- ★ Opportunities for music concerts, conversation, public market, theater etc.
- ★ Convert existing picnic shelter to stage
- ★ Concessions (food, skate equipment rental, small restaurant “tavern on the green”)
- ★ Labyrinth flush with the ground

Parks

- ☀ Grass Lawn Park value good access

- Pedestrian connections

- Safe walking & biking routes

- Improve Park access from north

- Crossing on 148th between 80th and Old Redmond Road

- Better parking management

Linkage System

- ☀ Multi-use pathways to connect neighborhood subdivisions w/ park destination – look for available land

- ☀ Direct children & strollers off busy streets, improve lighting, landscaping hazards

- ☀ Future development opportunities to north

Open Spaces

- ★ Value open spaces w/i walking or bicycling distance
- ★ Future local resource park next to Scott's Pond (Redmond Way and 80th Street)
 - Improve with amenities & provide for young children
 - Pea patch, flower spot, wading pool, play area, landscape berms, picnic area, quiet contemplation, pergola etc.
 - Various opinions on parking
 - Safety suggestions
 - Fencing (no gates)
- ★ Undeveloped street right-of-way on 77th Street (south of Scott's Pond)
 - Pedestrian path to future park-lit at night for dog walking

Housing in Grass Lawn

- ★ Value variety in type, style and price
 - ★ Encourage duplexes, triplexes, fourplexes, single-family
 - Design stands to ensure good fit w/ existing homes
 - ★ Require affordable housing new 10+ lot developments similar to City Center and Willows/Rose Hill neighborhoods
 - 10% available to families earning 80% or less of King County median income (\$72,800)
 - ★ Encourage Cottage Housing Developments
 - ★ Host an Accessory Dwelling Unit workshop

Neighborhood Commercial Businesses

- ✱ Serve those who live or work w/i short walking distance: small deli, coffee shop, small grocery etc.
- ✱ Provide convenience, enrich quality of life
- ✱ Not designed to result in additional vehicle traffic
- ✱ Strategic location to explore
 - ✱ North of Grass Lawn Park (vacant land/re-development possibilities)

Neighborhood Identification Signs

- ✱ In addition to subdivision signs
- ✱ Form sub-committee to pursue/organize contest enhance & building up neighborhood image
 - ✱ ID neighborhood boundaries @ major entry points/flower spots
 - ✱ Recognize uniqueness of Grass Lawn
 - ✱ Consider a new neighborhood name?
 - ✱ Contribute to positive overall Redmond image
- ✱ Consistent size, materials, City logo, each neighborhood unique design



Kirkland's Highlands Neighborhood



Transportation Improvement Priorities

- ✱ Improvement & importance of connectivity in Grass Lawn
- ✱ Safety improvement for pedestrians, bicyclists and other non-motorized uses
- ✱ Operational issues and other projects

Promote Communication Neighborhood Association

- ☀ Neighborhood/City hold periodic meetings
 - Evaluate/carry out plan
 - Identify opportunities & issues
 - Greater resident involvement and input

- ☀ Interest in forming association recognized by City Government?

Benefits

- ☀ More effectively identify/address neighborhood issues as representative group
- ☀ Sounding board for issues/ideas: city and neighborhood initiated
- ☀ Neighborhood run/organized with city staff support as needed